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Four more Super Etendard naval aircraft are boing shipped to Argentina from France, according to press reports. After this delivery is completed some time in early January, Argentina will have received all of the aircraft obtained

14 air-launched Exocet missiles. Press reports say that some 50 tons of munitions and spare parts are included in the latest shipment.

Comment: The French probably have provided only 10 of the Exocet missiles thus far. The new Super Etendards have strengthened Argentina's naval air force. Even so, targets in the Falkland Islands remain at the far reaches of the Super Etendard's unrefueled combat range, and the British have substantially improved the islands' air defenses.

